

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were pending. Claims 2-3 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 based on the term "saccharidic portions." To simply expedite prosecution, and not for any reasons related to patentability, Applicants have amended claim 1 by substituting the term "saccharides" for "saccharidic portions." As such, Applicants have not relinquished or surrendered any equivalents or scope of coverage as a result of this amendment. Thus, this issue is moot and withdrawal of these objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

New claim 7 has been added to further specify saccharides which are glucose or a derivative thereof. Support for new claim 7 may be found throughout the specification and examples provided (*e.g.*, p. 24, example 23 (R_2 = glucose derivative) and p. 26, example 24 (R_2 = glucose)). As such, claims 1-7 are now pending and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

No additional fee is required. If there any such fees, please charge them to our firm Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

August 28, 2003

By: 

Donald Rhoads, Reg. No. 34,705
Albert B. Chen, Reg. No. 41,667
Attorney for Applicants
KRAMER LEVIN NAFTALIS & FRANKEL LLP
919 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 715-9100 (phone)
(212) 715-8000 (fax)